

REMARKS

Status of the Application

Claims 1-14 were originally submitted with the application as filed. Claims 1-14 have been amended herein and support for the amendments can be found in the original specification as filed (See e.g., line 2, page 7).

By this amendment, claims 1-14 have been amended and no claims have been added or canceled. Therefore, claims 1-14 are now before the examiner for consideration.

Conclusion:

The currently pending claims are supported throughout the specification and are patentable over the prior art. No new matter has been added. Allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment of fees under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17 as required by this paper to Deposit Account 50-3110.

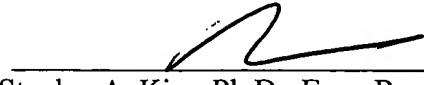
The examiner is invited to call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this amendment, or if the examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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